



**PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL ADMENDMENT
to
2011-2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
for
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Durham proposes to amend its FY 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive the second allocation of funding. Specifically, there were two funding allocations for the Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant program. The substantial amendment must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the recipient's citizen participation plan and the requirements of 24 CFR part 91, as amended by the Interim Rule. This Interim Rule, published in the Federal Register on December 5, 2011, revises the regulations for the Emergency Solutions Grants Program, which replaces the Emergency Shelter Grants Program. The City of Durham's first allocation of \$85,279 is subject to the Emergency Shelter Grant Program regulations. The City of Durham's second allocation of \$47,969 must be exclusively used for homelessness prevention assistance, rapid re-housing assistance, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) and administration. An approved substantial amendment will allow ESG allocations in the future Consolidated Planning process.

Background Information

The ESG program changes are a result of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act). The HEARTH ACT, enacted into law on May 2009, consolidates three separate homeless assistance programs administered by HUD under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act into a single grant program, and revises the Emergency Shelter Grants program and renames it as the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. The HEARTH Act also codifies into law the Continuum of Care planning process, a longstanding part of HUD's application process to assist homeless persons, by providing for greater coordination of local planning efforts designed to assist homeless persons. The change in the program's name, from Emergency Shelter Grants to Emergency Solutions Grants, reflects the change in the program's focus from addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the City of Durham amended its 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan to receive \$789,101 of Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) from HUD. This temporary program, HPRP, provided financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and to

help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. The funds under this program were intended to target individuals and families who would be homeless but for this assistance. The funds provided a variety of assistance including: short-term or medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilizations services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance and case management. The new regulation for the ESG program, which is a permanent program, is patterned after the HPRP. Therefore, HPRP activities can continue and ensure continuity between HPRP and ESG.

A copy of the Substantial Amendment detailed budget table is attached for ESG to the City of Durham FY 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan.



Notice of Public Hearing

**Proposed Substantial Amendment to the
FY 2011-12 Annual Action Plan for
Emergency Solutions Grant Program
April 16, 2012 - 7:00 PM
Durham City Council Chamber- City Hall**

A public hearing will be held by the Durham City Council on April 16, 2012 to receive citizen comments on the proposed substantial amendment to the FY 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) formerly known as the Emergency Shelter Grants Program. During FY 2011-2012, two ESG allocations were announced for the City of Durham. The City's first allocation of \$85,279 is subject to the Emergency Shelter Grants Program regulations. The City's second allocation of \$47,969 is subject to the Emergency Solutions Grant Program regulations and must be exclusively used for homelessness prevention assistance, rapid re-housing assistance, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) and administration. In order to receive the second allocation of funds, the City must submit a substantial amendment to its FY 2011-2012 AAP to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 15, 2012.

The proposed amendment to the AAP will be available for public review beginning March 16, 2012 through April 16, 2012 at the Department of Community Development located at 807 E. Main Street, Bldg.2, Suite 200, the Durham County Public (Main) Library, the City Clerk Office, the front desk of City Hall and on-line at <http://durhamnc.gov/ich/cb/cdd/Pages/Home.aspx>. Written comments concerning the amendment may be sent to Wilmur.Conyers@durhamnc.gov. For additional information, contact Wilmur Conyers, Federal Programs Coordinator, Department of Community Development at or (919) 560-4570, ext. 22277.

Notice Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

A person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in City government activities by contacting the ADA Coordinator, voice 919-560-4197, fax 560-4196, TTY 919-560-1200, or ADA@durhamnc.gov, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the event or deadline date.